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Crosland dangerously ill

LONDON, Feb. 14 (AFP). — British Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland was gravely ill in an Oxford hospital today after being rushed from his country home in nearby Adderbury last night. A Foreign Office communique said the condition of Mr. Crosland, aged 58, had "gradually deteriorated" and that he was "now dangerously ill". The communique said he showed indications of a stroke, although sources said the foreign secretary may have suffered a heart attack. The Foreign Office communications of the communication have suffered a heart attack. The Foreign Office communique said Mr. Crosland was "under strict medical observation" at Radcliffe hospital in Oxford, where he was taken by ambulance from his home in Adderbury on doctors' orders. He was studying a dossier on Rhodesia when taken ill, the communique said.

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King Hussein: Jordan, Syria determined on ultimate confederation

RAN (Agencies). — His Majesty King Hussein has indicated both Jordan and Syria are now determined to go ahead toother Arabs in the area.

In a televised interview with the Iranian Telepress agency day, King Hussein assessed his recent visit to Damascus saying: are making rapid progress in this direction; and I believe we will be able to work out the broadlines (of such a confetion) that will fulfill the aspirations of the peoples of the two in tries."

"It is important not only to do whatever is possible to show we can live as one people but also to stress our common rests in the face of threats and challenges of which we are aps more acutely aware here (in Jordan) and in Syria," the

The King commended Syria's "constructive" role in the Leha civil war and expressed the hope that Lehanon would remain ingle political entity". He also confirmed that he had held exploratory talks with the

stine Liberation Organisation but ruled out any return to the 1970 situation in Jordan. The King reaffirmed that it would be futile to reconvene the eva Middle East peace conference if the Palestinians were not

On the prospects of peace in the area King Hussein said Gea might become a turning point on the road to peace, but as real progress was made, the peace conference would take copposite direction

gyptian students defy oan on demonstration

RO, Feb. 14 (R). — About students at Cairo Univertoday defied the ban on kes and staged a noisy antiernment demonstration in .. campus.

he students were protesting inst new tough law and ormeasures imposing hard our for demonstrations, striand sit-ins.

here were no clashes today ween pro and anti-govern-TOurnt groups in this biggest Eglan university with more o 150,000 students.

yle losters and slogans by the lents called for the abolition the new measures and the oration of students right to i political seminars and garings inside the university,

-Assad off to Romania Khleifawi to visit Moscow

MASCUS, Feb. 14 (R) — la's President Hafez Assad rels to Romania tomorrow he middle of a month of inlive Middle East diplomacy. le hill have talks with Premt Nicolae Ceausescu, the ier to aintain diplomatic reons with Israel after the.

7 Arab-Israell war.
Soliting is being said here
ut the purpose of the prent's two-day trip. comania has a sizeable stake a in economic and technical but given the Arab World's

sent preoccupation with ce efforts, diplomatic obsers here have no doubt the harest meeting will focus on Middle East.

Tesident Assad is going to name at a time when diplodic sources here say he has lined for the present lay-

fined, for the present, invisions to visit Moscow and shington, even though there so far been no official ination from the U.S.

ation from the U.S.

Although Mr. Assad is going Romania, Premier Abdul Raen Khleifawi is expected to
ke the trip to the Soviet UnSyria's major zource of
us, and therefore its most
ded ally should peace efts fail.

lim Khaddam may go to the U.S. next month, but informed diplomatic sources said nothing had been decided on this yet.

Meanwhile Mr. Mikhail Sytenko, head of the Middle Eas-

According to speculation he-re Foreign Minister Abdul Ha-

These also attacked President

Eight students were arrested

Anwar Sadat's open-door eco-

nomiciolicy, shouting "injust-ice began after infiah (open-

in Cairo University yesterday

and eight others at Ain Shams

University, also in Cairo, faced

disciplinary action for trying to disturb classes.

In related development, the Egyptian People's Assembly (parliament) today decided to

dismiss former Vice President

Kamaladdin Hussein for his sharp criticism of President Sa-

dat's law and order measures.

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late President Gamal Abdul Na-

A decision to unseat Mr. Hu-

door policy)".

tern department of tha Soviet Foreign Ministry, is on a one-week visit to Syria. So far he haa only seen Foreign Ministry

Sharaf delivers message to Sadat

CAIRO (Agencies). — Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, Chief of the Jordanian Royal Cabinet, arrived here Monday on a one-day visit to Egypt with a mes-sage from His Majesty King Hussein for President Anwar Sadat.

He went into talks with Egyp-tian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi immediately after his arrival.

Sharif Abdul Hamid told news reporters on his arrival that he will have talks with Egyptian leaders on the coordination of joint action and the adoption of a unified Arab posi-

Young's remarks on Kissinger pose therny problem for Carter

ASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AFP), The new United States Amsagdor to the United Nations, bas overnight blems caused the Ford administration. The new United States Amsador to the United Nations, drew Young, has overnight some the most controversial total of the new administra-

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Mr. Carter's hasty return

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NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR -- Richard S. Parker, who will be U.S. ambassador to Lebanon, arrives at Beirut airport Sunday night escorted by security guards. At left is U.S. Charge d'Affaires George

Vance: Soviet Union has prominent role in Middle East peace efforts

Interviewed in Washington,

DAMASCUS, Feb. 14 (R). — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was quoted bere today as saying that the Soviet Union had a prominent role to play in the Middle East peace confe-

In an interview with the daily newspaper Tichrin, published by the Syrian government, Mr. Vance said be was not carrying any specific proposals for a Middle East solution.

The interview was given to the editor of the newspaper be-fore Mr. Vance's scheduled departure tonight on his tour of six Middle East countries. The paper did not say where the interview was given. ___ Mr. Vance said be was com-

ing to the Middle East for talks with its leaders before drafting proposals for a solution. Tichrin brought out a special

interview. Stressing the role of the So-viet Union in Middle East pea-

ce efforts, he noted that it was co-chairman with the U.S. of the Geneva conference. He added that on his return

to Washington he would dis-cuss the results of his tour with Soviet representatives. In another interview, the United States secretary of sta-

te said today that 1977 might prove decisive for a Middle East settlement. He also told the Kuwait new-

spaper Al Qabas that at pre-sent he did not contemplate meeting Palestinian leaders during the trip.

"I believe the current year may be decisive as there are several factors now which may lead to a settlement," Mr. Vance said.

'I am not underestimating the current difficulties but we now no longer face war in Lebanon. It seems there is a unanimous wish on the part of countries in the region to follow the road to pesce."

The secretary of state said all sides concerned had agreed to reconvene the Geneva conference and it was time to start making moves towards a settla-

He was also quoted as saying he would be discussing the Middle East with Kremlin lead-ers because the Soviet Union was the co-sponsor with the U.S. of the Geneva conference. This adjourned in 1973 a brief initial meeting.

here yesterday from his Georgia home base, Plains, for a talk with Mr. Young on the latter's return from Africa indicated Mr. Carter's awareness of the impact of such remarks as Mr. Young's charge that former Se-cretary of State Henry Kissin-ger "had put a burden on Britain's back, then abandoned it"

over Rhodesia. Before returning to Washington yesterday, he said he did not think that what Mr. Young had said was intended as criticism, adding that the ambassador's remarks had probably been taken out of context.

But he was in the unfortunate position of having to defend Dr. Kissinger, whose fo-reign policy dominated the previous (Republican) administration, and whose prestige abroad remains high, against Mr. You-ng's accusation that in Africa last year Dr. Kissinger was se-eking electoral advantages for Mr. Ford rather than a solution to the Rhodesian problem.

the secretary of state said he would sound out the views of these concerned in the Middle East crisis and the leaders of these countries would later visit the United States for talks about a resumed Geneva con-

'There is a real chance to achieve a constructive solution and to reconvene the Geneva conference," Mr. Vance said.

Answering other questions, he said the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) bad so far refused to recognise Israel's right to exist and the framework drawn by the United Na-tions for peace - Security Council resolutions 242 and

difficult to make any progress. But we realise that recognising the legitlmate rights of the Pa-lystician people wil be crucial for my peaceful settlement," he added. Asked about a reduction of

"In these circumstances, it is

American arms sales to Israel, he said ; "We are committed to the principle of finding a way to reduce arms sales not only on the part of America but all countries of the world. This is extremely important and an un-derstanding may be reached on the matter," he was quoted as

Mr. Vance sald he believed approaching Israeli general ele-ctions would oot prevent Fremier Yitzhak Rabin from visit-

State Department says

Israeli exploitation of Suez Gulf oil complicates peace -

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AFP). - The United States today said that Israel was complicating prospects for a Middle East settlement by exploiting oll resources in the Gulf of Suez Cyrus Vance is to discuss with Israeli leaders this week.

State Department spokesman Fred Brown said Israel's oil operations were "not helpful to the efforts to get the peace negotiations on the way" and were "contrary to international

law." It "complicates the pros-pects for a settlement", be ad-

Legally, Mr. Brown said, Israel had no right as an occupying power to exploit natural a topic U.S. Secretary of State
Cyrus Vance is to discuss with

resources not already under exploitation when it moved into the area.

The United States has already explained its attitude to Israel and Egypt, the spokesman said, and Mr. Vance would take up the issue with leaders in Tel Aviv and Cairo during visits

Peled: All PLO needs is encouraging sign from U.S. to amend covenant

A retired Israeli general, who has held private contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), said today the PLO could formally abandon hard-line stand on non-recognition of Israel if given an encouraging sign from the United

Maj. Gen. Matti Peled told a news conference that this encouragement should take the form of some U.S. recognition that the PLO had recently moderated its stand.

This would be enough for the Palestinian organisation to amend the Palestine National

Such an amendment could be made at next month's meeting in Cairo of the Palestinian National Council, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, he said.

Gen. Peled, director of the department of Arab studies at Tel Aviv university, is head of the Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, which has twice met unofficially with PLO representatives in Paris since last June.

"The Palestinians are now in a grey zone, in which a very positive development can be expected provided something is done to encourage them." Gen. Peled aaid.

He said he had heard two days ago from a PLO representative that the Palestinian organisation was ready to accept all but one of the terms of United Nations Security Council each of its meetings.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (R). - resolution 242, which recognises Israel's right to exist.

The only PLO reservation was the resolution's use of the term "refugees" to describe the Palestinians, who want full

political recognition as a nation and state. "The shift in their (PLO) position has not been met with all the encouragement they expected," Gen. Peled said.

"It would be too easy to get a much more formal statement from the PLO if they were informed authoritatively that such a statement would be recognised," he said.

The best encouragement, he saio, would be a U.N. Security Council resolution inviting the PLO to take part in peace talks with Israel. Such an invitation should be made on condition that the PLO recognises Iarael's right to exist, he said.

But to accept such an invitation, the PLO would first have to amend its covenant, he

He also criticised American Jewish organisations which, he saio, had prevented him from voicing his views in front of organised Jewish groups.

Gen. Peled said the PLO representatives who had met his group in Paris had done so under instructions from the PLO Central Committee and eppeared to have authority to speak for it.

His own organisation has no official standing but it reports to the Israeli government after

Peace force throws ring around refugee camps near Beirut

spects for a speedy return to normal life in Lebanon were left in doubt today after new trouble in Beirut.

But fears of a confrontation between Israeli and Syrian troops in southern Lebanon seemed to be averted when Arab troops -- who have been keeping the peace inside Lebanon since the bloody civil war -began withdrawing from a so called sensitive area near the border with the Jewish state. Eyewitnesses said about 200

Syrian troops of the peace-keeping force had left Nabatiyeh, 11 kms from the frontier with In Beirut, tensions ran high after the Arab peace force threw a ring of steel around Pal-

estinian refugee camps on southwest outskirts of the Lebanese capital. The situation is explosive," a Palestinian official said. And in Cairo Palestinian commando

leader Yasser Arafat beld urgent talks with Egyptian leaders about the events in Beirut. Tension was running high af-

ter the peace force brought tanks, mortars and rocket batterles into position around the camps. The move caused Palestimian fears that the force might clasb with hard-line commandos in the camps.

The peace force concentrations were around Sabra and Shatila -- crowded Palestinian camps in the southwest cutskirts -- and around Fakehani, where Mr. Arafat has his head-

The force intervened last week in clashes between rival Palestinian commando groups, one of the gravest incidents since it imposed a ceasefire in Lehanon's civil war on Nov. 15.
Two Syrian MIG-17 fighters
screamed low over the camps

today as peace troops continued to fortify positions, At least 28 people, including a Syrian officer, were killed in last week's clasbes

Arab diplomatic sources said that Palestinian leaders had established urgent contacts with the peace force in an attempt to defuse the situation. The sources said the Pales-tinians had asked for a few

days to remove heavy weapons from the camps. The commando strength there is estimated at around 2,000. A spokesman in Rome for the Palestine Liberation Organisation, speaking of the situa-

tion in Beirut, said the Pales-tinians had cabled Egypt and Saudi Arabia "asking them to Intervene before a bloody battle began," The spokesman said the Palestinians had told the force they would fight and defend their positions,

The total strength of the Syrians, in Nahatiyeh pari of the 30,000-strong Arab League peace force policing the present truce, has been estimated at no more than 500 men and ahout a dozen Sovict-made T-55

tanks. Some observers in Beirut have described Israel's anger over the presence of the Syrians as out of proportion with the size of the force around Nabatiyeli, a hustling market

But Israeli spokesman have sald that the Syrian presence had crested a serious prece-

Eyewitnesses reported that the Syrians had pulled back to positions around Habbouch, Hsitoura and 'Aichiyeh. These villages are 1.5 kilometres northwest, 15 kilometres north and 8 kms northeast of Nabatiyeh.

The Syrians never deployed lastde the town which is controlled by Lebanese leftists and their Palestinian allies.

Reports from Israel said that the Arab pullback from Nabatiyeh was expected to be finished by tomorrow when U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is due to begin a tour of Israel ond five Arab countries.

Waldheim consults with Kreisky on PLO peace document

VIENNA, Feb. 14, (R). — U.N. ief said that, if this were not yielded some new ideas for ge-Secretary General Kurt Wald- possible, "we have to look out ting round procedural problcuss fresh peace initiatives in the Middle East and Cyprus with Austrian Chancellor Bru-no Kreisky.

Officials said Dr. Waldheim, who flew here from Geneva after visits to Middle Eastern capitals and Nicosia, would sound out Dr. Kreisky on a document he received from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) which, according to the Austrian chancellor, contained "a total change of policy."

The newspaper of Dr. Kreisky's ruling Socialist Party, Arbeiter Zeitung, reported the document as saying the PLO wo-uld accept a limited Palestinian state made up of the West Ba-nk and the Gaza Strip.

A similar proposal was put to Dr. Waldheim by PLO leader Yasser Arafat when they met in Damascus on Feh. 5.

The officials said the U.N. secretary general, who is here for a five-day official visit, wa-nted to know how closely the document followed the drift of his conversations with Mr. Ara-fat.

A spokesman for Dr. Kreisky said the chancellor would pro-bably discuss the PLO paper with Israell leaders when he flies to Tel Aviv on Feb. 22 for a one-day visit to address the Israeli Labour Party.

The U.N. envoy is also expected to brief Dr. Kreisky on the resumption of talks here next month between Greek Cy-priot and Turkish community leaders under the auspices of Dr. Waldheim after a break of more than one year.

The two sides agreed to resume their deadlocked talks on the island's political future after a four-hour meeting in Nicosia last weekend between Dr. Waldheim, President Makarios and Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash.

Speaking to reporters yesterday in Geneva at the end of his tour of Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Israel to sound out prospects for resuming the Geneva Middle East peace conference, Dr. Waldheim denied newspaper reports that the mission hed been a fallure.

The purpose of the mission was "to clarify the positions of the parties concerned and in the light of their positions to see whether we can bridge the gsp," he said. 'I think this mission was ful-

filled in the best possible way," Dr. Waldheim said, adding he did not expect to convince all the parties to do the same

Though expressing the belief that the Geneva negotiations could be resumed, the U.N. ch-

ems blocking the resumption The U.N. leader said his dis- of the conference, but he gave cussions in the Middle East had no details.

Austrian chancellor says: PLO document opens door to possible Mideast

peace breakthrough VIENNA, Feb. 14, (R). — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said yesterday he had re-ceived a Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) document which represented a total change of PLO policy towards a possible Middle East peace set-The document, as published Sunday by the Austrian newspaper Arbeiter Zeitung, said that a Palestinian mini-state and Israel could coexist in

Asked by Reuters to comment on the policy document, Dr. Kreisky said: "It looks like a total change of policy. It is up to the Israelis now to find a way of co-existence with the

Palestinians". "A non-belligerent status co-uld be established between the future state of Palestine and Israel," according to the PLO document.

The document said the PLO was willing to accept an independent Palestinian state made up of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and two enclaves named as Himma and Auja.

The paper said the document was given to the Austrian chanellor by Mr. Isam Sartawi, of the PLO leadership, in Dr. Kreisky's capacity as chairman of the Socialist International's fact finding mission on the Middle East.

The newspaper said the main drift of the document was that the time was ripe for a Middle East settlement and the opportunity might be lost if nothing was done within a few months. But several conditions would have to be met before a new Palestine and Israel could have

truly peaceful relations. The most important were the recognition of the right of every Palestinian to return to his town and compensation those who freely decided not to go back, it said.

The document stressed that the PLO desire for peace was

It also-called on Western Europe to play a larger role in the search for peace in the Middle East. This, it said, would help to strengthen moderate opinion among Palestinians and would have a positive effect on what it called the negative attitudes of the Americans, the Israelis

and some Arabs.
Palestinian opinion was favourable to a moderate peace settlement, it said, but added: "How long the Palestinian leadership can adhere to this attitude in the face of hostility from the Americans, Israelis and certain Arabs is hard to foresee.'

In Beirut a PLO spokesman confirmed that Mr. Sartawi had met Dr. Kreisky. He said the PLO's policy was "to set up a Palestinian state on every inch of occupied territory that is liberated." He did not elabor-

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Base to build on

The three-day session of the General Commission of the Euro-Arab dialogue beld in Tunis last week ended, predictably, with a clear divergence of opinion between the Arabs and the Europeans on what the dialogue is supposed to be all about. The Arab effort to give the dialogue a more political tone was unsuccessful. The Europeans stood firm on their previous declarations, which use the usual vague and therefore, in the context of precise peace needs, necessarily meaningless terms about "Palestinian rights".

The dialogue goes on, though, and the Arabs will rightly try again to have the Europeans take up the political aspect of the Arab World's aspirations. In fact, the Europeans have spoken about the Middle East with good intentions, and thus it remains in the long-term interest of the Arabs to use the dialogue as a vehicle to exchange favours. While the EEC states are clearly unwilling to take a more forceful or precise stand on the question of Palestinian rights, they have made clear their opposition to Israeli settlements and their "concern" about the continued Israeli occupation of Arab territory. They have also come out against any unilateral alteration of the status of Jerusalem, and have gone so far as to say that "a solution to the conflict in the Middle East will be possible only if the legitimate right of the Palestinian people to give effective expression to its national identity is translated into fact."

These are the normal vague, sweeping phrases that we have grown accustomed to bearing from the West, but it must be admitted that the above words are more than one could reasonably have expected to bear a decade ago. Vague and epbemeral as they may be, they are also a step forward from the days when the West looked upon the Palestinians as a refugee problem to be solved by sending more tents or food.

If the Euro-Arab dialogue bas come up with this much, then it should not be considered a failure from the political angle that we in the Arab World like to view it. What we have from the EEC is perhaps insufficient, but it is something to build on.

The Europeans are primarily interested in the Euro-Arab dialogue as a means to increase technical, economic and financial ties between the two blocs of nations, if only to formalise and institutionalise that great increase in commercial ties that has been registered in the past four years. This is something the Arabs are already interested in doing for both economic and geo-political reasons, because a strong Arab-European partnership makes political, economic and military sense to both sides. The next logical step therefore is for the Euro-Arab dialogue to build upon the base that has been created, and to take concrete steps to translate its policy statements into

NEWS FOCUS

Black Rhodesian guerrillas train against white rule,

By Alan Cowell.

LUSAKA, Feb. 14 (R). — The young black Rhodesians wore ragged clothes and some slep fiefully in the airport transit lounge, on their way towards becoming nationalist guerrilla flehters.

Their ages ranged from 15 to the late twenties, and when they glanced at white men it was with suspicion, tinged with deep hostility.

The recruits, on their way to training camps after growing up in their bomeland under white minority rule, provided evidence of a new and significant drive to swell the ranks of the guerrilla armies.

The young men had left bome to join Mr. Joshua Nko-mo's ZAPU (Zimzabwe African Peoples Union), one of the two main guerrilla movements, wbich has a recruiting office in Francistown, Botswana.

According to diplomatic sources, planeloads of recruits have, in recent months, poured through the airport bere on their way to join Mr. Nkomo's army.

Exact figures for the size of the guerrilla fighting forces are not available. But the recruitment drive could, in future, boost Mr. Nkomo's army from its present strength, estimated by Western intelligence sources at under 1,000.

A similar recruitment effort is believed to be underway among the ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union) forces, who are based in Mozambique and whose spokesman is Mr. Robert Mugabe.

Rhodesian blacks have also a "Patriotic Front" army ba-cked by black Africa's "frontline" states (Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana Mozambique and An-gola) and by the influential National Liberation Committee of the Organisation of African

Unity (OAU). A meeting of the committee, which has just ended bere, decided that benceforth all military and other aid to nationalist forces inside and outside Rhodesla would be channelled through the front

This greatly belped the alliance in implementing its threats of intensified guerrilla war-fare following the failure of Anglo-American .attempts to promote a peaceful settlement

in Rhodesia.

Western intelligence sources said Soviet, Chinese and Cuban advisers were involved in efforts to step up the pace of training of guerrillas.

Advanced weapons are beg-inning to reach the guerrillas, the sources said.

Advanced weapons are beg-inning to reach the guerrillas, the sources said.

One secret resolution adopted by the National Liberation Committee called for the op-ening up of oew fronts "to st-retch the enemy forces" and urged the "froot-line" states to help with the new strategy.

But despite these indications that intensified warfare is in the offing, the white-officered Rhodesian army is killing many guerrillas and the nationalists tbemselves will have problems in quickly increasing the level of fighting.

"In the past, we have thought in terms of a quick victory. Now we will have to settle in for a longer war, one that could last up to five years," one Patriotic Front official said.

A poteotial obstacle is the continuing lack of military and political unity between the two wings of the froot.

ZANU and ZAPU guerrillas fought each other in armed clashes in camps in Tanzania last year, and have yet to be reunited.

According to nationalist sources, efforts to bring them together, launched last month in Maputo, will not be aimed at immediate unification.

"In the past, people have tried for unity, total unity, st-raight away. This has proved to be impossible so we will go for realistic, step-by-step approach, reaching agreement where we can and making sure our differences do not get out of band until we can solve them," the

A likely first step would be to coordinate the activities of the two armies, ZAPU, operat-ing from Zambia and Botswana, and ZANU, the larger force, from Mozambique.
ZANU and ZAPU seem to

be far from their objective of eventual political integration. They both received a bodyblow last month when Mr. Jason Moyo, ZAPU's military overlord and a key "link-man" with ZANU, was assassinated "I don't think I will ever

find a friend like him in ZAPU again," said one senior ZANU official who had worked with Mr. Moyo closely on earlier unity efforts. The situation has been com-

plicated by a series of allegations by two other nationalists, Bishop Abel Muzorewa and the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, who do not have "front-line" backing because they are not members of the Patriotic Front.

A representative of Mr. Si-thole told the National Libera-tion Committee that ZANU was split between pro-Sithole and pro-Mugabe guerrillas -- a divisioo that had led to widespread factional bloodletting in camps in Mozambique and Tan-

The claims, botly denied by Mr. Mugabe's aides, coincide with reports from Western intelligence sources that pro-Sithole fighters, low in oumber, have fled from Mozamhi-que, some of them beading for

The "froot-line" states, and the OAU, are trying to promote greater unity among the nationalists, seeking to make the Patriotic Front the spearbead of black Rhodesian efforts to hring down the government of Premier lan Smith without rivalries.

This is unlikely to happen overnight. ZANU is still a party of disparate elements. whose activities over receot years have been marked by in-tense internal disputes.

Mr. Smith, for his part, can be expected to try to widen the gap between the bishop, the only oationalist now operating inside Rhodesia where he can campaign for support, and the Patriotic Front, based externally and without a unified voice inside the territory.

ECONOSCOPE By Jawad Ahmad

Is it feasible to make feasibility studies?

There is certainly a wide interest by Arab businessmen in feasibility studies. "Hey, let's make a feasibility study on that," you would hear everybody

The proliferation of consulting firms which charge handsome fees for these studies is an indication of their wide popularity. Is this a healthy develop-ment which should be encouraged?

Five years ago we used to complain of the arbitrary methods of carrying out business activities. Rationalisation of these activities seemed like the panacea of all the troubles faced by business-

In those days only government projects were subjected to feasibility studies. Most of them were done by foreign consulting firms which charged very bigh fees; they were either accepted at face value or shelved until they became obsolete.

Arab economists and technicians have the skills, to make these studies. Feasibility is covered by certain tricks, and, once uncovered, it all becomes sim-

Well, so now we can make those studies which once were the priveleged work of the elite. The price of carrying them out is not as detrimental as it used to be, because you do not bave to pay a local as much as a foreigner.

I would like to say that there is no necessary correlation between the number of feasibility studies and the degree of business rationality. Such stud ies do have their statistical and methodological shortcomings which make them less than perfect substitutes to co mmon sense.

Market analysis, for instance, is of ten based on hyperbolic time-series which render any future prediction: vulnerable. Moreover, probability esti mates are based on the supposition o normal distribution, which is in mos cases a heroic assumption.

Therefore, the whole business of feasibility, if half-baked, will be noth; ing more than guestimating on the wrong grounds. Why pay money to ge someone else's wrong prediction if that prediction is derived from the stars This bowever does not mean tha

feasibility studies cannot be useful. Ye one must remember that they can b biased, and that the maker of a feasibi lity study can always direct it to wher the customer wants it to go.

Unless feasibility studies are teste once in a while for their validity an sound predictions, they will become ar other luxury service. There are mar things which we brag about, but de down we do not believe.

Let's have feasibility studies, b let's be on our guard.

China wants U.S. Pacific presence to counter USSR

By Rene Flipo

PEKING, Feb. 14 (AFP). -China wants the United States to maintain a strong military presence in the Pacific to counter Soviet attempts to gain influence in the area, the official press indicated bere last

This position had been expressed or suggested by Chinese officials in private talks with foreign visitors, but it had never been reflected so clearly in the official press. The New China News Ag-ency (NCNA) quoted a state-

ment made recently at a symposium beld in Manila by U.S. Naval Commander-in-Chief for the Pacific Thomas Kilcline.

Approvingly, NCNA said the commander "held that the United States must maintain its military strength in the Pacific to cope with that of the Soviet Unloo." Observers bere stressed that

the NCNA dispatch referred to the U.S. naval forces and not to the ..m.:rican army. The Chinese position on American ground forces has been expressed many times: No country has the right to base troops on the territory of other

Peking remains inflexible on this point in the cases of South

Korea and Taiwan, calling for the pull-out of American forces from both of them.

Observers here recalled that China is seeking to avoid the creation in the region of a "void" that would enable Moscow to intensify its "expansion-Ist" policies.

On the same subject, the official Chinese news agency has published two dispatches concerning the danger of a "sur-prise attack" on Europe hy Warsaw Pact forces.

The first article, reprinted in the official People's Daily newspaper, quoted a story published last week in the British paper the Daily Telegraph warning against the possibility of a Soviet blitzkrieg against the West.

The second took up long extracts from an article in the magazine NATO Review writ-teo by U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, the Chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Subcommittee.

In the article, Sen. Nunn (Dem., Georgia) wrote about his cooclusions following an investigative tour of Western Europe last year. He said a Soviet "surprise attack" against NATO forces would pro-bably be one of "singular violence" and would be launched with the minimum of warning.

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ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

One Jordanian daily Monday commented on the visit of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to the Middle East, while a second daily took up the declarations of His Majesty King Hussein, to the Iranian News Agency, on the integration steps underway between Jordan and Syria.

AL RA'I, under the heading "Discovering flexibility", says that both the Arabs and the Israelis are convinced, each for different reasons, that the U.S. position on the Middle East crisis is the only important factor for both parties. It seems that Mr. Vance's vi-

sit is concerned with looking for more flexibility from the Palestinians, even after their giving up of the idea of a democratic state in the whole of Palestine and accepting, instead, one to be set up only in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, a position partly revealed by Dr. Kurt Waldheim, United Natioo's General Secretary.

This only means, the paper adds, that the U.S. is asking the Palestinians for even more concessions and to accept a project similar to the Allon plan.

This new U.S. position is more dangerous, the paper says, than its previous position of ignoring the existence of the legitimate and also representative of the Palestinian people. for if new concessions are made as a price for the reconvening of the Geneva conference there will remain nothing for the Arabs to bargain with at the con-

With this in mind, it seems that the freezing of the discussions on the formation of a Palestinian government and of the convening of the Palestinian National Council is a result of

the Palestinian's awareness of the U.S. move, or could be the result of their fear of publicly acknowledging a division in their ranks. In any case, the paper says, waiting cannot be

to their detriment.

AL SHA'B, under the heading "The essence of Jordan's commitment," says that, in his interview with the Iranian News Agency, His Majesty King Hus-sein had explained the principles of the national work oo which Jordan bases its internal and Arab relations aimed at the goal of transforming its national aspirations into realities. Jordan's will to achieve com-

prebensive development, reiterated by His Majesty, and its present integration policy with Syria, are both indications of the earnest efforts of the two countries to achieve unity. These efforts which are being felt in all fields of integration and cooperatioo betweeo Syria and Jordan, the paper says, are directed towards achieving two goals: The realisation of national aspirations of the people of the two countries; and the holding up of their bilateral cooperation as an example to be copied on the Arab level.

What has been achieved so far between the two countries. the paper adds, is proof of the national vision, and confirms that the Jordanian-Syrian march is but a step towards Arab

His Majesty's praise of the Syrian role in Lebanon and his reiteration that the Geneva conference without the Palestinians cannot succeed are sure signs of the positive policy adopted by Jordan under the leadership of His Majesty on both the Arab and international levels and constitutes the essence of Jordan's commitment, the

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Abu Mazen is in Amman as

a member of Palestinian delegation bringing condolences to His Majesty King Hussein on the death of Her Majesty the late Queen Alya.

He was quoted as saying that the Palestmian National Coun-cil was the only competent au-thority to decide on Palestinian participation in a resumed Geneva conference.

"But the question will only be discussed after the Palestine Liberation Organisation re-ceives an invitation to attend,"

On Arab coordination, Abu

Antiquities team returns from Marrakesh

eri frem é Reg. AN (JNA). — The Jor-more in delegation to the Arab uities conference, led by that the best of Antiquities Ya coup is Monday returned here participating in a 10-day which started in Marra-P. Feb. 1.

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various foreign archaeological missions which have operated in Jordan.

The report also included a review of the joint activities carried out between the University of Jordan and the Antionities Department and their coo-

peration in this field. The Arab Antiquities conference convenes every two years in one of the Arab countries to assess and discuss archaeological activities in the Arab



Mazen said "the Arab nation

should understand that in the eyes of the United States. Israel

comes first. Therefore this na-

tion should mobilise not only

its military weapons for the

battle but all its potential, in-

Desert c'ttee

ends meeting

AMMAN (JNA). — The Joint Jordanian-Syrian Committee for

the Development of the Desert

has recommended the streng-thening of present resources in

order to further develop pastu-

res in both countries and the setting up of an independent and specialised working system in each country for the impro-

ement of pastures and live-

stock and the provision of green, concentrated fodder and

water resources for livestock.

Concluding its meeting in

Damascus over the weekend,

the committee also recommen-ded close cooperation between

the two countries' associations

in sheep fattening, provision of

fodder and the exporting of sur-plus livestock in either country

to the other according to need.

commended setting up pasture

reserves for the conservation of

certain kinds of important and

rare grazing plants, threatened

The joint committee is due to

by extinction.

The committee further re-

cluding economic power, cand money invested abroad."

AMMAN (JNA). - Arab ministers of communications are due to meet in Cairo Tuesday to resume discussion on implementation of the Arab satellite project and on working out a master plan for an Arab institntion for space communicati-

Jordanian Minister of Communications Abdul Ra'ouf Al Ra-

Mr. Al Rawabdeh sald be will also discuss with his Egyptian counterpart possible Jordanian exemption from charges paid to Egypt for mail transportation by Egyptian vessels to and from Agaba.



His Majesty King Hussein Monday welcomes Quar's Minister of Social and Labour Affairs Ali Al Ansari, in Amman to pay his condolences on the death of Queen Alya on behalf of his country's ruler Sheikh Khalifeh Ibri Hamad Al Thani. (JNA photo).

DRIVERS WITH FOREIGN LICENSE DO NOT VIOLATE TRAFFIC LAW

AMMAN (JNA). - Maj.-Gen. Ghazi Arabiyat, the Director of Public Security, has circulated an explanation of the recent traffic law to the effect that people driving a Jordanian car while holding a foreign driving liceuse should not be considered to have violated the Jordanian traffic law as long as the license in question is valid and meets the requirements of the local traffic law.

Minister visits housing projects in Amman area

AMMAN (JNA). — The Mini-ster of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Mr. Ibrahim Ayoub, Monday made an inspection tour of all housing projects under implementation in the Am-

The tour included the Marj Al Hamam housing project, 15 kms southwest of here. A total of 114 apartment units are under construction, and due for completion within the next two months at a total cast of JD

Mr. Ayoub also visited the Wananat housing project -- comprising 50 apartment units for Natural Resources Authority employees -- and the Nor-thern Hashimi bousing project, which consists of 300 apartment units now completed and awaiting distribution to their bene-

He followed it by a visit to the Marka housing project, which includes 1,000 housing units due to be completed in early 1978.

The Director General of the Housing Corporation, Mr. Hamdallah Nabulsi, accompanied him on bis tour.

King Hussein receives Queen Sophia of Spain

Mourners continue to arrive

AMMAN (JNA). - His Majesty King Hussein received at the Lebanon were linked by strong Royal Court Sunday Queen Sophia of Spain, who offered her condolences and those of King culties and achieve stability and Juan Carlos on the death of the late Queen Alya.

King Hussein also received a Lebanese delegation which offered its condolences in the name of Lebanese President Elias Sarkis. The delegation included Speaker of the Lebanese House of Representatives Kamel As'ad, Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss and a number of

Dajani leaves for Egyptian trade talks

AMMAN (Agencies). — The Minister of Industry and Commerce, Dr. Najmeddin Dajani Sunday left bere for Cairo for talks on expansion of trade between the two countries and on the trade protocol concluded in

The Ministry's Under Secret-ary, Dr. Hashem Al Dabbas, who accompanied Dr. Dajani, is expected to leave for Khartoum after the Cairo talks to attend a meeting of the Sudanese-Jor-danian Joint Economic Com-

The King said Jordan and relations and had the same fate and aspirations. He hoped Lebanon would surmount its diffi-

Former Lebanese Prime Minister Saeb Salam also called on the King Sunday.

On Monday, Sheikh Tahnoun lbn Mohammad Al Nhayyan, Governor of the eastern province of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Mr. Ali Al Ansari, Qatari Minister of Social and Labour Affairs. offered their condoleoces to the King in the name of Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Nhaiyan of the UAE and Sbeikh Khalifeh Ibn Hamad Al Thani, ruler of Qatar, respectively.

Cables of sympathy were re-ceived from President Yen Chia-kan, Prime Minister Chi-ang Ching-kuo, Foreign Minis-ter Sheo Chang-huan and Economics Minister Y.S. Sun, all of nationalist China, as well as Dawwod Hsu, President of the Chinese Moslem Association.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's husiness day. as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

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every 100)	37.7	37.9
Saudi riyal	94.6	94.8
Lebanese pound	108.9	109.8
Syrian pound	81.9	82.3
Iraql dinar	940.0	948,0
Kuwalti dinar	1.152	1.159
Egyptian pound	470.0	480.0
Libyan dinar	790.0	800.0
UAE dicham	85.5	86.0



NATIONAL NOTES

* AMMAN. - A royal decree was issued approving the appointment of Mr. Kamal Al Hmud, Jordan's Ambassador in Moscow, as Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry as of March 16.

* AMMAN. -- Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh received in his office Monday the chairman and members of the Jordanian Press Association. The positive results of the recent visit to Damascus by a delegation headed by the association's chairman were discussed, as well as the question of advancing journalism in Jordan, discussed during a recent meeting of the association council with premier Mudar Badran.

* AMMAN. — Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Gbaleb Barakat Sunday met with representatives of the consultants currently preparing a project to improve the Ma'in mineral springs for touristic purposes.

* AMMAN. — Minister of Culture and Youth Sharif Fawwaz Sha-

raf received in his office Monday morning the nationalist Chinese ambassador to Jordan.

* AMMAN. — The acting secretary general of the foreign ministry Monday received the Soviet ambassador to Jordan.

* AMMAN: — Public security sources said that King Hussein Bridge will be reopened as of Tuesday. * AMMAN. - The municipal loans fund has agreed to lend the

wabdeh Monday left here at the head of a delegation to attend the conference.

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**DAMASCUS. — Jordan will receive 10,000 tons of barley and the conference of the completion of schools and health units in the village. 5,000 tons of wheat from Syria this week as the first batch of a total of 30,000 tons of barley and 10,000 tons of wheat bought by

Jordan from Syria. * AMMAN. — Minister of Public Works Said Bino and Maj. Gen. Ghazi Arablyat, Public Security Director, Monday inspected the new rehabilitation centre which is being built at Suwaqa to the south of Amman.

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members of his delegation at Amman airport Monday. The ation later left for Cairo to attend a satellite telecommunica-





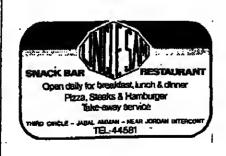


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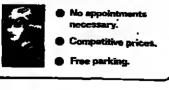






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Land shortages haunt Indonesia's countless inhabitants

MAKARTIJAYA, Indonesia (C- outer islands. SM) - Outboard motor fumes mix with the steamy haze as the narrow boat skims along. Overhead s canvas canopy fights off the tropical sun.

The boat is heading for Makartijaya, a new village 45 kms. upriver from Palembang, the nearest major city. This is the Upang Delta of Sumat-ra, one of the 13,000 islands that make up the Republic of Indonesia, the most heavily populated country in Southeast Asia. And that is the rub: Although Indonesia has 130 million people, many parts of the archipelago, like Makartijaya,

are uncrowded.

Eight years ago, in fact, there was nothing here but hot tide! swampland. But today, along the canals that lead back from the Musi River, there are five new villages. About 3,000 people call this place home. Paths stretching along the canal banks are with huts, shops and small cultivated areas.

Many of the families here

once lived hundreds of miles away on crowded East Java or Bali, where they were poor landless labourers. They re-main poor, even as they strug-gle to produce rice, corn and cassava, but now they hold some hope for their futures because they own their own land. The people of Makartijaya

are homesteaders, some of nearly 50,000 families that have been resettled on such relatively underpopulated islands as Sumatra and Kalimantan (Borneo) since the country began a programme in 1969 to relieve overpopulation, improve the lot of the landless poor and politically integrate the

MALAYSIA-

The programme provides each family of homesteaders with land, seed, a basic \$300 house and 15 months of free food. It is called transmigration and was first experimented

But transmigration on a scale large enough to solve the population problem in plalike Java, experts say, would be enormously expensive, costing up to \$4,000 per family.

Then there is the land rec-

with hy Dutch colonialists in

lamation problem. The government seeks to reclaim 10,000 sq. kms. of swampland (the country may have as many as 50,000 sq. kms. in all) for agriculture by means of dredging and a system of new canals to drain the marshes at low tide and to irrigate them with fresh water at bigh tide. But the reclamation target

for the country's second five-year plan (1974 to 1979) has been lowered to 2,500 sq. kms. Officials say difficulties in buying needed dredging equipment are behind the cutback. Inde-pendent experts, however, say the retrenchment is more likely due to an unforeseen \$6billion-to-\$10-billion debt caused by the financial mismanagement of the state oil company, Pertamina.

For the first time last year the World Bank stepped in to support the transmigration programme with a \$30 million loan for a project in Sumatra.

Experts say the 170,000 sq. kms. of cultivable land in Indonesia theoretically can be doubled if an agricultural base is built in the outer islands, if new crops can be found, and if

KALIMANTAN

settlers are taught new farming methods.

Even as these projects continue, however, the population back on Java -- already 75 million people -- grows by as many as 2 million a year as people exchange the isolation of rural Sumatra and Kalimantan for the hope of a job and

better life around Jakarta. Government regulations bar migration to Jakarta except by those who can show they have jobs, shelter and money for a return trip. Yet the city's population is said to grow by more than 150,000 persons a year. By most estimates, Jakarta now holds at least 5 million

Jakarta is perhaps best cha-racterised by its crowded and unpaved kampungs, or "urban villages". Up to one sq. km. of them are added annually, while the existing ones become still more crowded.

From December to March high water levels along the city's rivers and the laws see.

ty's rivers and the Java seafront mix with rainfall from the west monsoon. Mud clogs walkways and narrow streets. Floods pour into first-floor dwellings.

To try to cope with the prob-lem, Jakarta municipal autho-rities also have been busy with a programme of their own, again with World Bank assis-

The city's governor, Ali Sai-dikin, has pioneered an ap-proach designed to make a little go a long way. With only about \$4.25 million a year available to tackle its enormous population problems, the city has opted for improved transportation, sanitation and flood control rather than a massive new bousing programme or urban renewal.

Since 1969, 165 kampungs covering 43 sq. kms. and affecting about 2 million persons have been improved to one degree or another, according to official statistics.

But there are those who see dangers in the kampung improvement programme. Some economists familiar with the Jakarta situation are concerned that continued improvement may tend to push the city's poorer residents into new zones of squalid housing still farther from downtown.

As land values rise because of such projects, impoverished persons desperate for income sometimes subrent what pro-perty they have to those more prosperous and then move themselves farther out. There they build new shelters in unimproved areas.

Meanwhile, the programme has been unable to help many of the poorest -- the landless migrants who flock to Jakarta in the bope that even odd jobs will give them a better living than precarious seasonal farm labour.

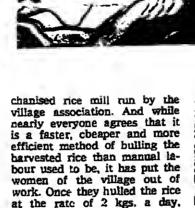
The answer to the problem. however, say economists, lies back where the migrants are coming from -- in the countryside. They point to projects such as the Jatiluhur Irrigation Authority, across the dusty Jakarta Plain in Western Java. which also is financed in part by a World Bank credit.

This massive water management project affects 3 million people and unifies 11 river baains. It also helps increase the vital food supply by support-ing two rice crops a year instead of one.

The 2,500 sq. km. of farm-land that lie within the Jatilu-hur district make up 3 per cent of Indonesia's rice fields and produce 8 per cent of its har-

The Jatiluhur project has produced some measurable results. There is more food than before local consumption and for selling. This has brought such prosperity to the area resident says proudly: "There are now 56 motorcycles and one car in my village."

Even here, bowever, the situation is not without its negative side. Jatiluhur has a me-



their pay.

At the same, many of the landless field-hands who used to harvest the rice by means of a small tool held in the palm earning as little as 35 cents day in the process -- have been reodered jobless hy the adoption of a larger and more efficient sickle.

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What ultimately is needed. say some economists, is new labour-intensive industry that can use the unemployed.

Despite improved crop yields construction of new roads and schools, and the introduction of an increasing number of consumer goods into the countryside, they say, migration to the cities can be expected to continue unless there is more serious discussion and careful planning of the kinds of large and small industries that can provide new jobs for displaced

Says one expert, looking at the problem: 'There is no going backwards."



A jigaaw pattern of terraced rice paddies glistens on Ball.



indicators

Soviet.

MOSCOW, (CSM). — More evidence that some radically new economic thinking is needed in the Soviet Union ... a damper on Soviet ambitions to catch np with the U.S. economy ... more long lines ahead for weary Soviet shoppers outside meat and vegetable sho-

These appear to be the main implications emerging from the long lists of figures summing up the performance of the Soviet economy in 1976. The figures were published here last

In several important areas, the Kremlin has grounds for disappointment, Western analysts believe. Hopes to step up the productivity of each work-er fell short of target and are well below the 1975 figure.

Shortages of meat, evident here since feed grain ran short after the disastrous harvest of 1975, are confirmed in figures that contradict the picture painted by Agriculture Minister Valentin Mesyats a few weeks

either was barely met or not met at all -- even though the goals themselves had been reduced to some of the lowest levels since World War II. There were some successes

And a series of 1976 goals

Grain production was an alltime record, now put at 224 million tonnes, 200,000 tonnes higher than Mr. Mesyats had indicated.

Energy results were promis-iog: The Soviets stayed ahead of the United States in oil production by raising production last year by almost 6 per cent to 520 million tonnes. Coal and natural gas production also showed gains.

Generally, however. Western analysts say it will be much harder now for Moscow not only to achieve its own goals for the current five-year period ending in 1980, but also to close the gap between itself and the United States. The declared Soviet aim is to equal by 1980 the U.S. output

economic

expected

In Washington and elsewhere, analysts have long noted the Kremlin's reluctance to shake up the system with new ideas. At the 25th party congress a year ago premier Alexei Kosygin called for greater pro-ductivity and efficiency, less waste and steady, purposeful

He seemed to be saying that growth might be slower but more measured. It was clear that upon increased producti-vity lay hopes for good growth in a range of areas, given lo-wer investments and competing sectors clamouring for greater shares of a finite economy.

So the labour-productivity figure for 1976 was watched closely. It turned out to have risen only 3.3 per cent, the smallest increase for at least 25 years, observers say. It was just below last year's perfor-mance of a 5.9 per cent rise.

Figures on meat also aroused unusual interest. Mr. Mes-yats had indicated that produc-tion was higher than in 1975. Western analysts failed to see how this could be so. It turns out that production was down

more than 14 per cent at 13.3 million tonnes.

Despite enormous efforts, farmers did not increase cattle herds. They did hold about steady, however. Numbers of sheep and goats declined; pigs were higher -- no mean achievement.

Because of early frosts, fewer potatoes were available or sold in state stores last year. No figures were given for private markets, where many women go for potatoes and other fruit and vegetables.

State shop sales of fruit dropped 6 per cent, confirming poor crops. Although meat sales were down, fish jumped 14

Basic economic barometres were lower than hoped for last year. Industrial production (4.8 per cent) surpassed the reduced goal of 4.3 per cent, but it was well below the increase last year (7.5 per cent).

The closest figure the Soviets have to gross national product is national income. It rose 5 per cent -- below the target of 5.4 per cent, though a 1 per cent recovery from 1975.

Particularly striking were

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against a target of 5.5) railroads (up 1.3 per cent, ainst a target of 3).

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cultural output was up 4 cent (last year it fell 6

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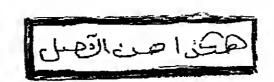
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(target: 4.9).

Rounding out a gloomy sumer outlook was light in WORD try (consumer goods) w barely achieved the redipletarget of 2.7 per cent. He industry rose 5.5 per



On Ball, one of 13,000 islands that make up Indonesia, a duck "shepherd" heads across a rice paddy at dawn.



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF © 1977 by Chicago Tribuna

Neither volnerable. South

deals. NORTH ↑1063 ♥64

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4 Q 8 SOUTH ♥AK97 Q 2863 The bidding:

South West North East 1NT Pass 3NT Pass Pass Pass Opening lead: Two of O.

"Second hand low" is a he is put to the test in the clarer to run the club auit.

North-South bid quickly to their no trump game, second turn. Even had South made the alternative opening bid of it seems right for West to one heart because of his play high. But that is not so. weakness in clubs, his side The wioning defense is for

> mond was fortuitous-it score two club tricks but no attacked the only entry to more, and the contract will dummy's long clubs. De- be defeated. clarer played low from dummy. East won the king and When dummy has a long returned the suit. driving suit, second hand should play out the ace. Declarer crossed an honor if it is doubleton to his hand with the king of but play low when it is twic' hearts and led the jack of guarded.

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

QASUW

GHEED

SEECIX

BELBUB

Print answer here:

CROSSWORD

clubs. Should West cover or duck? Decide for yourself before reading on. Let us consider what

might happen in both cases. If West plays low and East wins the queen, declarer will repeat the club finesse when he next gains the lead. That will enable him to bring in five club tricks and his contract.

If West plays the king. declarer cannot afford to win tbe ace, for then his club suit will be shut out. However, he can let West hold the trick, win any return and theo lead another club. If South elects to repeat the finesse, East will win the queen and the club suit will again be shut out, and this sound principle. However, time declarer will not have there are cases where it is scored a club trick. But what correct for second band to if declarer decides to go up play high. Study this deal with the ace of clubs on the and decide whether West second round? That will drop should play bigh or low when East's queen and allow de-But at least this defense will force declarer to guess at his

On the surface, therefore, would surely atill have ar- West to follow low and for rived at the nine-trick game. East to refuse to win the West's lead of a low dia- trick! That way, declarer can

Here's a rule of thumb:

JUMBILE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

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Jumbles: WEIGH DITTO HEIFER ASTRAY

Answer: Score under a hundred!-EIGHTY

THE PAGE FIVE FEATURE PHOTO



Snowbound American scene - Peterborough, New Hampshire - A reminder of what has just passed.



GRAFFIT EMPLOYEES DON'T TURN IN DUPLICATE SUGGESTIONS-THE BOSS LREADY KNOWS CAN GO

TONIGHT'S T.V. FEATURES

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CHAPTER 7

Tom continues his search for his wife and entangles with a crime organisation from which he is obliged to run, to save

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YOU'RE NOT CERTAIN TO MAKE IT!

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: A number of delays and annoyances could stand in the way of gaining your objectives at this time. Follow the dictates of your conscience all day for best results. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have to be very careful

in the handling of duties today to be free of trouble. A higher-up can be of great assistance at this time. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make new contacts who

can he belpful to you in your line of endeavor. Sidestep one who has an eye on your assets. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21] Use new methods in the

handling of routins duties and get excellent results. Strive for more harmony with family members.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Remove any obstacles in the path of your progress and carry through intelligently. Improve the state of your health.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) The afternoon is best time for enjoying the company of congenials since you have important business to handle early in the day. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be aure to avoid a

questionable person who could lead you in the wrong direction. Take no chances with your reputation. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Long-time desires can be

gained by using wisdom. Avoid a tendency to criticize others. Relax at home tonight. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be very careful in

motion today and avoid possible accident. Don't neglect important correspondence. Be wise. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Money matters

should be uppermost on your mind today so that you can improve your position in life. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Get rid of any negative thoughts and think along constructive lines

now for best results in career matters. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Concentrate on how to have greater abundance in the days ahead. Evening is the

best time to clear up a problem with mate. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Be careful in dealing with others today since the wrong word could touch off an unfortunate argament. Know what your aims are.

THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes



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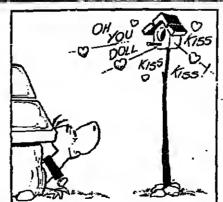


I HAVE A TERRIFYING STORY TO TELL! A STORY OF A DARING RESCUE!





THE FLINTSTONES







MUTT AND JEFF







Soares begins European tour to win support for Portugal's EEC entry

LISBON, Feb. 14 (R). — Portuguese Prime Minister Mario month. Soares began a West European tour in London today, convinced he can win support for his country's entry into the

Common Market. At a weekend meeting of the National Committee of his Socialist Party, Dr. Soares voiced optimism once again that Portugal will be successful with an application for full EEC membership that is expected shortly after he has comp-leted a tour of all nine ComEarlier he told young Soci-

untry, and this is our European hour." But the prime minister, whose seven-month-old minority

government faces severe economic problems and a first major clash with organised lahour, made no attempt to hide the difficulties ahead.

He told his supporters that time was pressing for the yo-ung Portuguese democracy. Ne-

Mugos had to leave the Soviet

Union and first Secretary K.

Hauge, presently ahroad, would

not he allowed to return, the

Foreign Ministry told the am-bassador, according to Tass.

It was believed to be the

first expulsion order served on

a European diplomat by the

Soviet Union since the Euro-

pean Security Conference in Helsinki in 1975.

On Jan. 28 Norway ordered the expulsion of a third secre-

tary at the Soviet embassy in

The order was said by nor-

wegian officials to be connected

with the arrest of a woman

clerk at the Oslo Foreign Mi-

nistry on charges of spying for

correspondent.

the Soviet Union.

USSR bars 2 Norwegian diplomats from Moscow

MOSCOW, Feh 14 (R). — The Soviet Union today ordered a Norwegian diplomat out of Moscow and said another currently outside the country would not he allowed to return.

The move was clearly a response to Norway's expulsion last months of six Soviet officials, including a correspondentof the Tass news agency from

A report issued by Tass said Norway's Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Petter Graver, was summoned to the Soviet Foreign Ministry today to he told of the decision.

The agency said Mr. Graver was told that "certain staff members" of his embassy "are engaged in activities incompatible with their status."

Commercial Secretary K.

ighbouring Spain was due to hold elections in May and would also ask for entry into the Common Market Portugal alists: "We are a European codid not want to lag behind, he Portugal is already assured of British support for its entry into the EEC and also has the

hacking of West Germany.

Dr. Soares, making his first official visit to Britain as prime minister, will have talks to-day with an old friend and fellow Socialist -- British Prime Minister James Callaghan. In London, officials said that

British ministers, while fully supporting the principle of Portuguese membership, recog-nised that the country's comparatively under-developed economy would not be able to cope with all the ohligations of EEC membership for some

Britain is the current Chair-man of the EEC Council of Ministers, which has already given a qualified welcome to Por-tugal's Common Market aspi-

From London, Dr. Soares will travel to Duhlin, Copenhagen and Rome. The second stage of his diplomatic offensive in EEC capitals will take him to Paris, Bonn, the Hague and Luxembourg next month before he ends his tour in the Common Market capital, Brussels, on March 12.

Oslo, an embassy chauffeur, three officials of the Soviet Trade Mission and the Tass As Dr. Soares leaves, his government is trying to end a fishermen's strike which has lasted nearly three weeks, an overtime han hy merchant seamen in sympathy with the fis-hermen and partial stoppages in the textile industry.

Yadlin pleads guilty on corruption charges

TEL AVIV, Feb. 14 (Agencies) — The man once chosen to head the Bank of Israel, Asher Yadlin, pleaded gullty on corruption charges here today and said he gave the money to the election campaign fund of the ruling Labour Party.

Mr. Yadlin sald he acted "under constant pressure" from the late Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and the present Minister, Yehoshua Rabinowitz, who was then party treasurer. Accepting responsibility for a series of hribery and fraud cases involving some 150,000 Israeli pounds, he said "I managed to find millions which financed the Labour Party's activities" at the time of the 1973 general election.

Mr. Yadlin was arrested several months ago after a police investigation of press allegations.

He had a heart attack in prison following the suicide in December of his friend the Housing Minister Avraham Ofer, who had been accused in the press of corruption on what police later said were largely unsubstantiated grounds.

Mr. Yadlin was director of the Workers' Sick Fund of the Histradut, the Israeli federation of labour, when the government chose him as next governor of the Bank of Israel.

He told the court that he gave the money he acquired to his cousin Mr. Aharon Yadiin, the Education and Culture Minister, who was secretary general of the Labour Party at the

Court sources said the judge decided to pass sentence on Mr. Yadlin on Feb. 22.

The rightwing Israeli opposition group Likud today demanded the suspension of Finance Minister Yeboshua Rabinowitz after he was accused in court of involvement in corruption. Mr. Rabinowltz refused to comment on the allegations of Mr. Asher Yadlin, while Likud's call for Mr. Rabinowitz suspension came in a motion seeking an emergency debate.

Israel holds talks in Washington over U.S. veto of Kfir jet sales

The chairman of the Israeli Aeronautics Industry headed a trade delegation to Ecuador after the U.S. vetoed the sale hy

Israel to Ecuador of Kfir jet fighters, it was learned here yesterday.

A spokesman for the industry told AFP that Israel was also holding talks in Washington to get the decision modified.

The U.S. ban on sales of the jet, which was equipped with American-huilt engines, dealt a serious blow to Israeli expor-

The Trade Federation, said the spokesman, would spare no effort to safeguard aeronautic exports in general and Kfir saies in particular.

Analysts have said the U.S. veto reflected an American drive to de-emphasise military ald and discourage military sales to Latin America in general, at least in the short term.

Makarios: Cypriot talks' agreement includes compromises by both sides well, it would probably take a late President Truman's closest-year or 18 months to reach a dvisers, a President Kennedy

NICOSIA, Feb. 14 (R). —An agreement to reopen the Vienna talks on the political future of Cyprus contains compromi-ses hy both the Greek- and Turkish-Cypriots, according to Archhishop Makarios, the Cyprus President.

The precise terms of the ag-reement -- reached on Saturday at a four-hour meeting between Archbishop Makarios, Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash and U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim -- have not been announced.

But Archhishop Makarios told a press conference yesterday that he made a "serious concession" in agreeing that the negotiations should aim to set up a Cyprus state organised on a federal "bi-communal" ba-

Mr. Denktash has been demanding what he describes as "hi-zonal" system under which the central government

would have only weak powers. The archbishop said he felt Turkish-Cypriots made their concessions on the principles of territory and freedom of settlement.

The Greek-Cypriots want the return of a significant part of the land occupied by the Tur-kish army after its 1974 inva-sion and now inhabited by Turkish-Cypriots.

Mr. Denktash said yesterday that concessions were necessary for a political settlement, adding: "I would say there was considerable movement hy the Greek side in the right direc-

He said that even if all went

top Washington insider. Mr. Clifford was one of the Indira Gandhi's aunt to

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (R). -The aimt of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, today annou-nced she would campaign for opposition in next month's

The Vienna talks, which br-

oke down in total deadlock

last Fehruary, are now due to reconvene at the end of March

under Mr. Waldheim'a euspi-

Meanwhile, Seventy-year-old Mr. Clark Clifford sets off for

Cyprus tomorrow on a fact-

finding mission that marks the

return to world politics of a

settlement.

Mrs. Pandit, 76, sister of the late Jawaharlal Nehru, independent India's first prime minister, said she loved Mrs. Gandhi very dearly, but was greatly distressed at trends in India since a state of internal emergency was imposed in June 1975.

RHODESIA'S OUTSPOKEN BISHOP APPEALS AGAINST JAIL SENTENCE

SALISBURY, Feb. 14 (R). — Roman Catholic Bishop Donal Lamont appealed today to Rhodesia's Appeal Court against a 10-year jail sentence for not telling the security forces about black nationalist guerrilla activity.

Bishop Lamont, 65, pleaded guilty in Umtali Regional Court late last year to four charges of failing to report the presence of guerrillas or of inciting others not to report their presence. The charges arose from visits by guerrillas seeking medical supplies from mission stations in his diocese.

Bishop Lamont, one of the white minority government's most outspoken critics, has maintained in an open letter that gover-nment policy is mainly responsible for the guerrilla war.

Euro-Arab dialogue's communique shows

confidente and President Lyn-

don Johnson's last secretary of defence. Now, with the Democratic Party again in power, the vete-

ran lawyer is once more at work for the White House.

This time he will be making a two-week Cyprus visit to determine what, if anything, President Carter's administration can do to help hring about a permanent settlement on the divided island.

Mrs. Gandhi's ruling Congress Party this month, heads an opposition group known as

Mrs. Pandit, who retired from politics in 1969, said: "I

have remained a passive spec-tator far too long but 1 cannot:

live at peace with myself if, by my allence, I seem to agree with the destruction of all I

have been taught to hold dear. Meanwhile, Prime Minister

Indira Gandhi has turned do-wn an opposition suggestion that a television debate be held

between her and some selected

opposition leaders on the coun-

try's economic and political is-

sues, including the continued

Congress for Democracy.

campaign for oppositon

Indian general election.

"The corrosion of democracy must stop," white-haired Mrs. Pandit, a former President of the U.N. General Assembly, told a press conference on the lawn of former Agriculture Minister Jagjivan Ram's residen-

state of emergency.

The Indian national news agency Samachar yesterday les arned "authoritatively" that the proposal had been found to be not practical.

The debate was suggested in a letter to Mrs. Gandhi by the General Secretary of the newly formed non-Communist Janata (People's) Party, L. K. Advani, on the eve of next month's parliamentary poll. He released the letter to the press

In a separate development, President Fakhruddin Ali Ahm ad was buried with full state honours yesterday in the gro-unds of a small New Delh mosque where he prayed regul

BUSINESS NEWS ECONOMIC AND

Carter's energy policy will be conservationist

By Georges Deschodt

WASHINGTON, Feb 14 (AFP). - It is becoming increasingly certain that President Carter will huild his April energy programme around the theme of conservation.

White House Energy Advisor James Schlesinger has several times stressed the need for con-

There are two hasic reasons

(1) It ought to be easy to effect savings in a country where per capita consumption is, for example, twice that in West Germany. (2) Conservation is seen as

the hest short term way of coping with present shortages, since measures to boost natural gas and nuclear power out-

The appetite of the Americans for energy is shown up in statistics for 1973: In that year they used the equivalent of almost 12 tons of coal per person, as against a figure of 5.8 tons in West Germany, 4.4 tons in France and 3.6 tons in

This high consumption has long been a feature of the American way of life. The automohile is regarded as indispensa-ble for suhurban households. They need the car for going

the old-style "corner shop" has virtually disappeared. They need it, too, for getting to and from work in many cities where public transport is far from sa- noying tendency to over-com-

But the Americans have got used to driving short distances, even though doctors advise them to walk for their health. Local authorities, noting that

llc transportation. Some authorities have a curious way of encouraging the public to use their facilities. Washington last year inaugurated the final section of a suhway system. But has imposed a higher fare during peak

cars are used so much, see no

urgent reason to improve pub-

travelling times. Heating and air-conditioning take a huge amount of energy in this country, where the temperature differentials tend to be very wide.

But the systems have an an-

Israeli government, unions agree on freeze till June 30

TEL AVIV, Feb. 14 (R). -The government and Israel's Trade Union Federation signed an agreement today to freeze wages, prices and taxes until June 30 in an attempt to hreak a steep spiral of inflation and calm growing labour unrest. Inflation last year ran nearly

as high as 40 per cent.
Today's agreement was at once attacked by the opposi-tion rightwing Likud Block and hy the Private Manufacturers' Association.

They called it an election stunt -- Israel votes in a general election on May 18 -- and said it would be impossible to

during the last hour.

Some trade unions also opposed the wage freeze part of the deal.

The agreement, worked out in Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin's office after a day of frantic consultations, freezes all prices except of seasonal fruit and vegetables.

No government or municipal

taxes will be raised, and no new wages talks will he start-Dividends to be paid during the four-month period are not allowed to he higher than th-

ose allocated last year.

The government intends to seek the approval of the Knesset, but should that fail the ruling Labour party is in a minority in the house -- inteto implement the deal through emergency nce regulations, Finance Mini-

The agreement faced immediate trouble on the labour

stry sources said.

The 15,000-strong Engineers' Union said it would go ahead with a one-day strike on Thursday and academics in government service said they would join the engineers.

Hospital maintenance workers and Tax Department employees also said they would not hack down from demands for sweltering August, you may find yourself shivering in the local supermarket.

A few months later, you have to open your apartment windows because there are no in dividual controls for the central heating.

In 1975 former President Gerald Ford put forward a number of energy conservation proposals, hut nothing much came out of them hecause Congress, along with the rest of the country, had already forgotten the 1973-74 oil em-

Mr. Carter's programme will probably incorporate many of these earlier ideas, but the regulations will no doubt be

Imposing stringency is made easier by the recent hitter cold wave. The experts are unanimmus in forecasting that the present shortage is not an isolated phenomenon hut will return a year from now.

Drought conditions mean-while could lead to an electricity shortfall in the West as hydroelectric plants run out of water. The current natural gas shortage in the industrial regions

could last even as far as next October, as the gas companies replenish their stocks ahead of There is little doubt in the United States that the cold wave of the past few weeks has revealed to the general

a severe jolt to the nation's

public how much more energy is used than produced. But old habits die hard, and Mr. Carter's forthcoming programme will he designed to give

opinion differences on status of PLO TUINS, Feb. 14 (R). — Arab League and European Common Market regotiators ended a session of their 'Euro-Arab Di-alogue' yesterday after an allnight session that yielded only meagre results and failed to resolve differences on econo-

The divergences hetween the 20-member Arab League and the nine Common Market states emerged from a 13-page communique issued yesterday morning after the all-night bar-

mic issues and the Palestini-

The EEC team, led by British Foreign Office Under-Secretary Richard Faber, refused to meet Arah demands to hestow formal acknowledgement on the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) -- although it accepted the PLO as a member in the Arab delega-

The EEC, the communique showed, held firm to a previously stated view of the Palestinian case, short of formal acceptance of the principle of Palestinian statehood.

The European side "restated its view that solution to the conflict in the Middle East will be possible only if the legitimate right of the Palestinian people to give effective expression to its national identity is translated in fact," yesterday's communique said.

Much of the discussions, over three days, centred on the EEC attitude to a Middle East

Conference sources said that, although the EEC held firm, the Arabs were "pleased by the publicity given the Palestine issue" by the talks here.

The community side is ready to continue the dialogue for largely economic reasons, and their speeches in Tunis reflec-ted their emphasis on this aspect of Euro-Arah cooperation.

Essentially, the community wants to create closer economic ties between the two sides so that it becomes in the Arabs' own interests to maintain oil supplies to the EEC. The nine are also interested in opening up Arab markets for

their exports to help cut their Arab requests for a "specia trade deficit with Arab states which totalled \$9 hillion in 1975.

But despite the interest of both sides to continue the dialogue, neither side has actually paid out money for planned projects and no binding commitments have so far been

million and the EEC the rest. The money will go towards financing preliminary studies for development projects Arah lands.

and preferential" collective trade agreement between the nin and all Arab countries and for their investments in Europe f be protected against inflation

A draft of the final text sale

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comprehensive settlement."

and monetary erosion.

The arabs will put up \$15

The text contains the EEC. condemnation made earlier div. ing the conference of Israel' policy of creating settlement

representative of Iraq.

in occupied territories. Echoing Mr. Faber's state ment on Thursday, the commen-nique said the establishing con-settlements there "could onl prejudice the prospects for popular.

WALL STREET REPORT

A late afternoon rally lifted prices to a good gain in moderate trading Monday on the New York stock exchange, where the industrial average closed about seven points higher. The market was in the doldrums throughout most of the session hut recovered

suddenly during the last two hours.

Gainers led losers at the bell hy a small 734 to 685 margin. Auto, steel, chemical and aircraft issues registered some steady gains along with aluminium and machinery shares. At the close the industrial average shows at 938.33, a gain of 6.81 points: Transp at 223.74, a loss of 0.50; utilities at 105.89, a loss of 0.19, 19,230,000 shares changed hands of which 4,540,000

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Shares took a further battering Monday as sterling sharply extended its recent downturn due to the growing opposition of unions to continued wage restraint end the announcement of the worst trade deficit for Britain in January since November 1974. Heavy selling brought losses reaching two pounds in gilt-

edged stocks. The sell-off hit industrials just as hard. By the close the Financial Times index had plunged 15.2 points to 366.3. Among leaders to slide by up to twenty pence were Beecham, Glaxo, ICI, Unilever and Pilkington. The depression spread to foods, hreweries, huildings, stores, textiles, electricals and shippings. Banks, including Hong Kong and Shanghai, and properties similarly suffered. Oils were sharply down in the wake of British

Petroleum -- down more than twenty pence. Eastern issues were also generally weaker with Canon, Honda Jardine Matheson, Hong Kong Land, and Sime Darby. Guthrie eased in rubbers although Consolidated Plantations went against the lower trend.

In contrast, golds improved along with the bullion prices. With the metal value jumping to a new record on the metal exchange, tins such as Ayer Hitam went ahead.

Price of gold closed in London Monday at 136.45.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

complacency.

CANA'A, Feh. 14 (R). - An eight-nation conference here on marine wealth in the Red Sea is discussing setting up marine science stations in some of the ports of the region, conference sources said yesterday. The week-long conference which opened here Saturday is being attended by delegates from Saudi Arahia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan, Jordan, Somalia, South-ern Yemen and the host country, Yemen. It is also attended hy representatives from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). The sources said that conference had also discussed the possible expansion of facilities now existing in Aqaba, Jordan; Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Port Sudan, Sudan; and Ghardaga and Suez in Egypt. The conference is sponsored by the Arab Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (AES-CO)

WUWAIT, Feb. 14 (R). - Kuwait yesterday decided to increase A the state's contribution to the capital of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development by 45 million Kuwaiti dinars (£90 million). A spokesman for the fund said the new contribution would raise Kuwait's share in the Kuwait-hased pan-Arab fund to 76 million dinars, representing 19 per cent of the fund's capital of 400 million dinars (5800 million).

RUSSELS, Feb. 14 (R). — Common Market ministers today Dexamined new proposals for higher food prices which have already brought protests from farmers who believe the increases are not large enough. Agriculture and finance ministers began separate meetings to examine an average three per cent rise the EEC Executive Commission wants in prices paid to farmers. But the farmers, through their Brussels lobby organisation COPA, have asked for a 7.4 per cent rise and the West German Farmers' Association denounced the commission's new price package as "totally unreasonable."

BU DHABI, Feb. 14 (R). - Health ministers of the seven Gulf Arah states started a three-day conference here today aimed at expanding cooperation between them in the fields of health and medicine. Officials said the conference's agenda included the streamlining of health codes, cooperation in fighting epidemics, such as malaria, co-ordinated drug purchasing policies and the setting up of a Gulf nursing college.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

USAKA, Zamhia, Feb. 14 (AFP). - Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny will visit Zambia and other Southern African countries from the second week in March, a Soviet emhassy spokesman confirmed here today. Negotiations were still under way to set exact dates for the Soviet head of state's visits to the various African capitals, the spokesman said.

DAR ES SALAAM, Feb. 14 (R). — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere yesterday carried out a major reshuffle of his government, promoting 38-year-old Defence Minister Edward Sokoine to Prime Minister in place of Mr. Rashidi Kawawa. The reshuffle appeared to be a major demotion for Mr. Kawawa, 51, who also lost the post of second vice president which he has held for

TOKYO, Feh. 14 (AFP). — Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda today denied reports that the Japanese government had agreed in principle to a United States plan to phase out American ground troops from South Korea. He told parliament he had exchanged views with U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale on the U.S. military strength in South Korea when they met here late last month. But he added that Japan would not intervene in the problem, which he said primarily concerned South Korea and the United

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 14 (R). — Signs of some ill-feeling towards the appointment of Lieut.-Col. Mengistu Halle-Mariam as Ethiopian head of state emerged today in spite of warnings about a stiff crackdown on opposition. Small demonstrations involving mainly students were reported from several parts of the city over the weekend following Friday's announcement that the 39-year-old colonel had been made chairman of the ruling Military Council,

THENS, Feh. 14 (R). — A small home-made homb went off yes-Aterday inside an Athens cinema showing the film "Victory at Entebbe", a police spokesman said here. The bomb damaged the projection room. A second explosive device was found yesterday, in another cinema showing the same film, but military experts removed and defused it. Last month Greek cinemas stopped showing the film, dramatising the Israell release of hostages from Uganda last year, following threats by an underground group.

At the same time, the community would like to encourage further investments of surplus Arab petrodollars in Europe.

The first hard cash -- \$20 million -- is likely to be committed by the two sides when they next meet as the dialogue's General Committee in Brussels in September.

The nine continue to oppose

Following are parts of the final text of the communique issued in Tunis at the end of the Euro-Arab dialogue Sunday: "Both sides noted with satisfaction the positive spirit, the objectivity and frankness characterising this meeting, which they are agreed has succeeded in cementing the idea of the dialogue, strength-ening its foundations and procedures and better acquainting both sides with the areas of joint cooperation. The meeting embodied the joint political will of both sides as underlin-ed by the foreign ministers of the European group at their meeting in London on Jan. 31 and the Arab foreign ministers in their Cairo meeting on Jan.

"This meeting provided both sides with the opportunity to exchange views on all aspects of Euro-Arab cooperation, po-litical, economic, social and cultural Both sides examined carefully each other's positions and considered extensively a number of important topics related to these aspects of their

"Both sides emphasised their great concern about security in the Middle East and its implications for Europe world se-curity. They expressed full awareness of the dangers inherent in the persistence of the current stalemate and of their mutual interest in the estab-lishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

"Both sides explained their views on the Middle East problem, including the question of Palestine. They noted with gr-eat interest the statements

made by each other in this repect. They reaffirmed that a silution to the question of Prestine based on the recognition of the legitimate rights of ti Palestinian people is a cruci-factor in achieving a just ar

lasting peace.
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The European side reiters ed the concern of the mi-over the continued Israeli o cupation of Arab territori since 1967. They maintain that the Fourth Geneva Co vention was applicable to ti occupied territories and oppo-ed the policy of establishs. settlements there, which confor peace. They were also o ed to any moves to alt unilaterally the status of Jer salem. The Arab side expres ed its appreciation of this 4.

"The European side welcot," ed the improved situation Lebanon and expressed sup ort for its independence, unit

